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PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN:
ACTION FOR EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Commission

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The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling resolutions 35/4 of 8 March 1991, 36/8 E of 20 March 1992 and 37/7 of 25 March 1993 of the Commission on the Status of Women on preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace,

Also recalling Commission resolution 37/9 of 26 March 1993 on the work programme for the advancement of women and the proposed restructuring of the economic and social activities of the United Nations,

Taking into account the discussions of the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-eighth session and the relevant conclusions of the General Assembly in its resolution 48/108 of 20 December 1993,

Noting with concern the short time available for the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session to carry out its regular work as well as serve as the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Recognizing that the pace of progress towards the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 1/ has been slow,

Desiring to take effective action to ensure that the Fourth World Conference on Women has a direct and immediate effect on the lives of women around the world,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, 2/

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General containing the draft of the Platform for Action, 3/

Also taking note of the draft provisional rules of procedure, 4/

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the draft of the Platform for Action for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-ninth session, based on the text contained in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the draft of the Platform for Action be made available in all languages at least six weeks before the beginning of the thirty-ninth session;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to organize informal consultations on the draft of the Platform for Action with member States prior to the thirty-ninth session of the Commission;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on progress in preparations for the Conference and, in particular, on the further implementation of Section V on Information and Communication of Commission resolution 36/8 of 20 March 1992;

5. Invites Governments to include non-governmental organizations and, whenever possible, representatives of different generations in their delegations;

6. Also invites Governments to finalize their national reports in line with the guidelines prepared by the Secretariat and to submit those reports to the Secretary-General of the Conference by May 1994 to serve as input to the

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1/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

2/ E/CN.6/1994/9.

3/ E/CN.6/1994/10.

4/ E/CN.6/1994/L.3.

review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to convey to the preparatory committees for the International Conference on Population and Development and for the World Social Summit areas of concern relevant to them as reflected in the draft Platform for Action and to report back to the thirty-ninth session of the Commission;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to transmit to the regional preparatory conferences for the Fourth World Conference on Women the preliminary draft of the Platform for Action, as contained in the annex to the present resolution, including any additional opinions expressed by the Working Group at the thirty-eighth session of the Commission;

9. Calls upon United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to participate in the Fourth World Conference on Women and identify the specific actions they will undertake, including goals and targets, and the measures they will implement to realign priorities and redirect resources to meet the global priorities in the Platform for Action;

10. Invites other intergovernmental organizations similarly to make concrete commitments to meet the global priorities for the advancement of women by the year 2000 to be reflected in the Platform for Action;

11. Invites member States to make a public commitment at the Fourth World Conference on Women to specific priority objectives contained in the Platform for Action which they will undertake to accelerate progress towards achieving equality for women in their own countries by the year 2000;

12. Calls upon the Secretary-General as a matter of priority, in preparing the programme budgets for the biennia 1996-1997 and 1998-1999, to propose adequate human and financial resources to carry out fully the strategic action required by the United Nations to implement the Platform for Action;

13. Reiterates its request in its resolutions 35/4 and 37/7 for an analysis of the impact of existing technical and financial cooperation targeting women;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the draft of the Platform for Action, proposals to strengthen technical and financial cooperation to benefit women;

15. Urges all Governments to establish national committees or to designate focal points for the preparations for the Conference in keeping with Commission resolution 36/8, and to inform the Secretary-General of the Conference accordingly;

16. Decides to consider the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Conference at its thirty-ninth session;

17. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women be extended by one week and that provision should be made for a two-week meeting of a parallel working group. The dates for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission should be reviewed in light of the dates set for the World Social Summit in order to ensure effective coordination and to allow for consultations among member States on preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held just prior to the thirty-ninth session of the Commission.

Annex

ORIENTATIONS ARISING FROM THE EXAMINATION OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE PLATFORM OF ACTION

[Revision of E/CN.6/WG/1994/WP.1 and Add.1-8 to incorporate comments made in the Working Group]